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# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba MainStreet program honored with Awards of Excellence at annual banquet

On Thursday, Aug. 15, ment of an Elba History Main Street Alabama held Museum.

its 11th annual Awards of Excellence Banquet at the Community House in Monroeville to celebrate the successes of local programs.

Main Street Alabama's president and state coordinator, Mary Helmer Wirth, and assistant state coordinator, Trisha Black, recognized projects and individuals who made significant contributions to their communities.

The Awards of Excellence recognized 12 category winners - Capital Campaign, Public/Private Partnerships, Volunteer Development, Promotion, Marketing, Business Promotion, Business Development, Placemaking, Property Activation, Non-Historic Building Design, Planning and Public Spaces, and Historic Rehabilitation.

The Awards of Excellence program highlighted the tremendous impacts of these honorees in their respective areas.

Elba won the Award of Excellence for the Moonlighters Ball downtown event. The 2023 event was held in August and was a fundraiser for the establish-

ment of an Elba History Main Street Alabama held Museum. "We are overjoyed to be honored by Main Street Alabama," said Sandy Bynum Williams, director of The Elba Chamber of Commerce and Main Street. "These awards validate our efforts to enhance Elba as the thriving hub of commerce, culture, and community that it is."

Elba was recognized and awarded a plaque for 2023 Business Reinvestment Award of over \$1 million dollars.

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"Last week's event was a heartwarming celebration of the remarkable achievements of our local Main

Street programs," said Wirth. "The inspiring success stories shared at the event truly highlighted the essence of community spirit and collaboration. It's a testament to the effectiveness of Main Street's Four-Point Approach in fostering economic development and preserving historic areas."

Main Street Alabama has 62 Main Street Communities. Elba is one of 17 Alabama cities that are Nationally Accredited. There are 33 that are Designated Programs these include Alexander City, Anniston, Athens, Atmore, Birmingham's Historic 4th Ave Business District, Birmingham's Woodlawn District, Calera, Centreville, Columbiana, Decatur, Demopolis, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Florence, Foley, Fort Payne, Gadsden, Heflin, Jasper, LaFayette, Leeds, Marion, Monroeville, Montevallo, Montgomery, Opelika, Oxford, Scottsboro, South Huntsville, Russellville, Talladega, and Wetumpka.

## Kinston's gym court to be named after legendary coach Amelia Rhoades

The Kinston School volleyball program will host the 40th annual Amelia Rhoades Set Off Volleyball Tournament this weekend in Kinston, and it will be extra special this year as the tournament will open with a special ceremony honoring Rhoades.

After receiving approval recently from the Coffee County Board of Education, the Kinston gymnasium court will officially become the Amelia Rhoades Court. A ceremony naming the court for Rhoades will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the gym. Then, the annual volleyball tournament will tip off at 8:30 a.m.

Rhoades was a pioneer for girls' athletics in Southeast Alabama during her three decades in coaching at Kinston and Elba. She brought volleyball to prominence during her 27 years at Kinston where her team



**CAN I GET YOUR AUTOGRAPH?** Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (right) is shown autographing a poster last Thursday evening at the Meet the Tigers event for current seventh grade student Jacks Bane. The Elba cheerleaders handed out 100 posters during the event that included a photograph of the 2024 Elba football team and varsity cheerleaders. At the conclusion of Meet the Tigers, fans, like Jacks, were able to gather autographs from their favorite players and cheerleaders. More photos from Meet the Tigers are on Page 5.



**Legendary high school volleyball coach Amelia Rhoades** (center) will be honored Saturday, Aug. 24, prior to the 40th Annual Amelia Rhoades Set Off Volleyball Tournament when the Kinston gym's court will be named for her. This ceremony will be at 8 a.m. Rhoades is pictured above with her daughters, Suzanne and Tiffany. They currently coach the volleyball program at Kinston.

won a state championship in 1997 and she earned state coach of the year honors. Her teams were runner-up

five times and she coached in the North-South All-Star game. Rhoades, an alumnus of

Kinston, also coached softball for 22 years, basketball for 12 years and served as Kinston athletic director for nine years.

"Mom always said if we're going to do it, we are going to do it right...home and school," said current Kinston volleyball coach Suzanne Elmore. "We are very honored for the court to be named after a coach that gave 37 years to education and started a volleyball program in 1972 at Kinston. She is known as the 'legend' for volleyball in the South!"

Rhoades was inducted into the Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

Teams competing in this weekend's 40th annual Amelia Rhoades Set Off Volleyball Tournament will be Kinston, Zion Chapel, Samson, Goshen, Brantley, Opp, Geneva, and Pleasant Home.

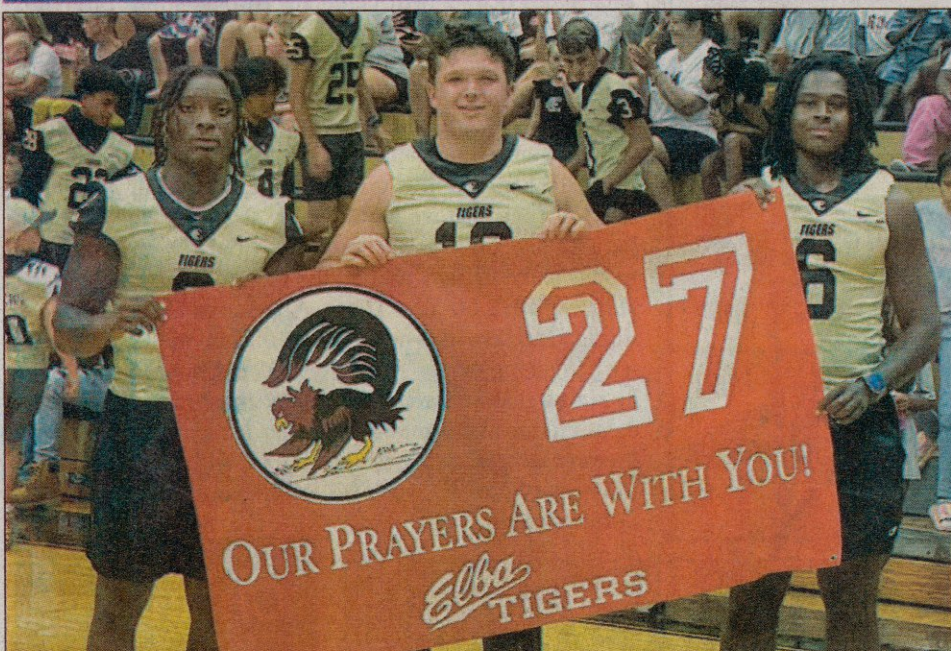
## Area Happenings

**The Elba Lions Club will meet** Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Elba Senior Center. The guest speaker will be Dr. Andrew Carter, Primary Eye Care of Elba. All members are asked to please attend.

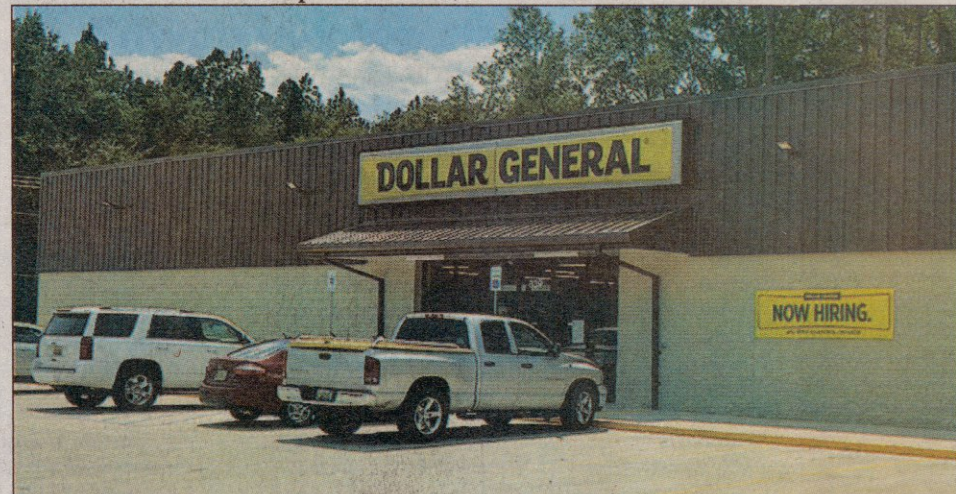
**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOMECOMING** Friday, Sept. 13th. The theme is "Let's Get Ready to Rumble!" There will be a Pep Rally/Bonfire Thursday evening [Sept. 12th] at 6:30 p.m. on the school campus. The Homecoming Queen Coronation will be held Friday at 9 a.m. followed by a pep rally in the stadium. Visitors for the coronation and pep rally will need to sit on the visitor's side of the stadium. EHS will honor the Class of 1994 with a tea Friday at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. The parade line up will begin at 1:30 with the parade promptly beginning at 3. Parade entries may be entered by contacting Elba High School at 897-2266 OR going online to the Elba High School Facebook Page and completing the online form (preferred). The Homecoming Court will be presented Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by the football game with Kinston at 7 p.m.

### NOTICE:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, for the Labor Day holiday. This will not affect the print schedule for that week.



**The Elba Tigers Football Team revealed this banner** Thursday evening, Aug. 15, that will be displayed at Tiger Stadium this season. It is in memory of New Brockton football player Semaj Wilkins, age 14, who died Tuesday, Aug. 13, after suffering a medical emergency at football practice. Elba football coach Marc Sieving said the Tigers want New Brockton to know "our prayers are with you during this difficult time." The Elba football program also had an identical banner made for New Brockton High School, which was delivered last Friday, for New Brockton to display as well, if desired. Elba players shown holding the banner during last week's Meet the Tigers event are seniors Alvin Henderson, Cayden Akins, and Jacob Watkins.



## New Dollar General now open in Elba on Troy Highway

Dollar General officially announces its store at 839 Troy Hwy in Elba is now open!

DG stores are proud to provide area residents with an affordable and convenient store location to purchase household essentials including food, cleaning supplies, paper products, over-the-counter medicines, hygiene products, baby items and more through its mission of *Serving Others*. In addition to the national and private branded products customers trust Dollar General to carry, the new Elba location includes the company's new stylish, on-trend home décor and an expanded party preparation selection. Normal hours

of operation may be found through the Dollar General app.

"At Dollar General, we believe the addition of each new store provides positive economic growth for the communities we proudly serve, and the addition of our new Elba store highlights our commitment to deliver a pleasant shopping experience that includes great prices on quality products in a convenient location," said Matthew Simonsen, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development. "We look forward to welcoming customers to our new store and hope they will enjoy shopping at our new location."

To commemorate the opening of DG's new location, Dollar General plans to donate 100 new books to a nearby elementary school to benefit students ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade.

Furthermore, DG strives to be a good neighbor and is committed to the communities it proudly calls home, evidenced by unwavering support of literacy and education initiatives through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The addition of the Elba store opens the opportunity for schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of the store to apply

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EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024, through Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

**Tuesday, Aug. 13** – Animal complaint reported at 764 Claxton Ave N (8:59 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1560 Reese Ave (11:56 a.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, one arrest, two written warnings, and one citation.

**Wednesday, Aug. 14** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 221 Davis St E (1:24 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 848 County Rd 376 (3:03 a.m.); Harassment reported at 595 Collier Circle Unit 1 (4:03 a.m.); Grass fire reported at 20334 Hwy 87 (6:56 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1578 Caroline St (12:31 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 800 County Rd 513 (2:07 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1006 Payne St (6:05 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1248 Jones Circle (7:52 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 595 Newton St (10:30 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one citation of two verbal warnings.

**Thursday, Aug. 15** – Grass fire reported at 4301 Hwy 125 (11:15 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 429 Plant Ave (2:22 p.m.). Fifteen traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, five citations, seven verbal warnings, and one no action taken.

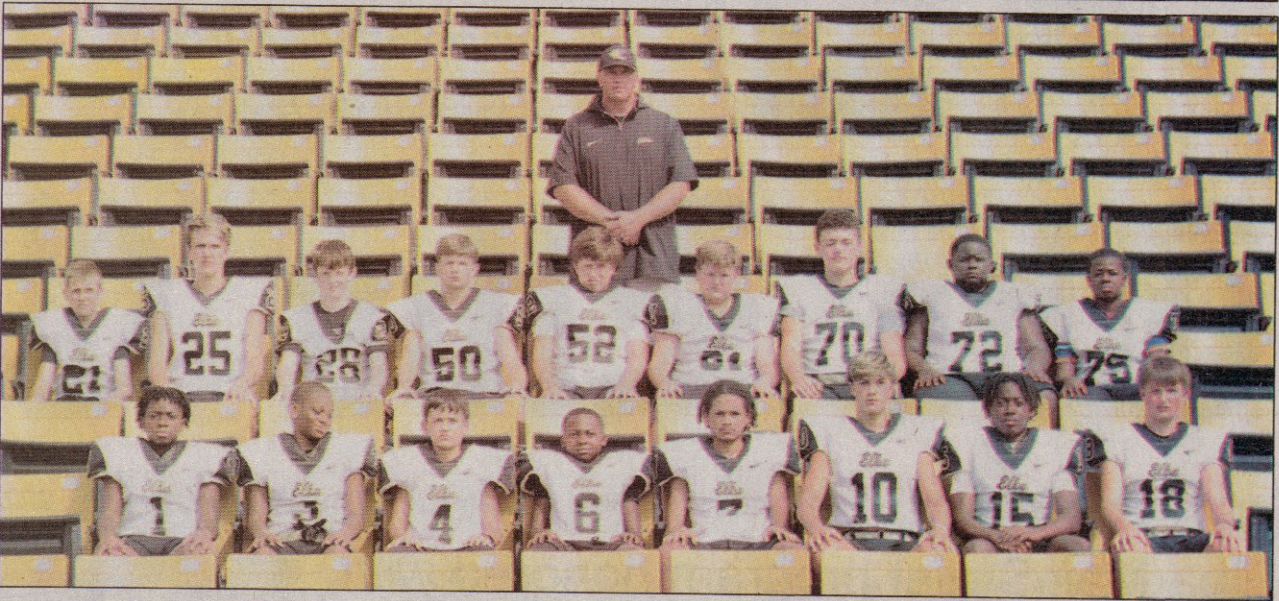
**Friday, Aug. 16** – Suspicious circumstances reported at 839 Try Hwy (3:43 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 987 Drayton Ave (6:17 a.m.); Disorderly person

reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (7:50 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 344 Old Samson Rd – w/impound (11:21 a.m.); Missing person reported on Simmons St (4:59 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1123 Neil Grantham Dr (5:30 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1697 Lower Curtis Rd (9:16 p.m.); Prowler reported on Taylor Mill Rd (9:55 p.m.); Report of shot fired on Reynolds St (9:57 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

**Saturday, Aug. 17** – Breaking and entering of a motor vehicle reported at 1203 Caroline St (12:06 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1321 Jones St (12:59 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Martin Luther King Dr (4:13 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1152 Hwy 87 (5:15 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 711 Claxton Ave N (6:02 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 638 Claxton Ave N – w/arrest (6:51 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 615 Jackson Ave (9:52 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, and two citations.

**Sunday, Aug. 18** – Domestic disturbance reported at 515 Claxton Ave N – w/arrest (6:33 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (9:54 a.m.). Domestic disturbance reported at 605 Kendrick St (1:59 p.m.).

**Monday, Aug. 19** – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1203 Caroline St (2:11 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr (3:57 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in three citations, three verbal warnings, and two written warnings.



2024 Elba Junior High Football

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Monday	Aug.26	Straughn	Home	6:00
Tuesday	Sept. 3	Brantley	Away	6:00
Monday	Sept. 9	Goshen	Home	6:00
Monday	Sept. 16	Kinston	Away	6:00
Monday	Sept. 23	Pike County	Home	6:00
Monday	Sept. 30	Ariton	Away	6:00
Monday	Oct. 7	Pike Lib	Home	6:00
Monday	Oct. 14	Luverne	Home	6:00

Prevent mosquito bites around your home and when traveling

The Alabama Department of Public Health cautions the public about preventing mosquito bites to protect themselves from mosquito-borne diseases.

In Alabama, mosquito-borne diseases include Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) and West Nile virus (WNV). WNV is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental United States. Both WNV and EEEV can cause severe illness and death. No vaccine and no specific treatments are available for either condition. Therefore, the best defense against these diseases is to prevent mosquito bites.

- To prevent mosquito bites:
- Use insect repellents.
  - Wear long sleeves, long pants, and loose-fitting, light-colored clothes when possible.
  - Use air conditioning or screens on windows and doors.
  - Since mosquitoes tend to lay eggs near standing water, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out any items that hold water.
  - Stay indoors during dawn and dusk hours when mosquitoes are most active.

Additionally, mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue, Zika, chikungunya and malaria may be acquired during international travel. Transmission of these diseases occurs primarily in tropical and subtropical areas. This year, over 10 million cases of dengue have been reported in North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean. Local transmission of these diseases may occur when an infected traveler returns home and is bitten by a mosquito that picks up the virus or parasite and then transmits it to another person during its next blood meal.

To prevent mosquito bites while traveling:

- Learn more about travel-related health risks at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>
- Pack insect repellent and protective clothing.
- Look for lodging with screens or air conditioning or pack a mosquito net.
- If traveling abroad, find out if vaccines for mosquito-borne diseases are available.
- After your trip, watch for symptoms and prevent mosquito bites for three weeks.

If you believe you have symptoms of a mosquito-borne disease, seek testing and care from your healthcare provider. To learn more about mosquito-borne diseases, visit <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/mosquito/> and <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/outdoor/mosquito-borne/other.html>

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

We were extremely saddened last week to learn of the death of Semaj Wilkins, the 14-year-old football player at New Brockton High School. While it has not yet been determined exactly what caused this young man to collapse on the practice field of football practice, there must be questions of why and was there anything that could have prevented it. All we know for certain is this young man's life ended way too soon. We pray for comfort for all who were there that day, for his family and friends and for his school mates. This has surely been a sad and trying time for all.

While still on the subject of this tragedy, it has been heartwarming to see the outpouring of love and support directed to the New Brockton community from other communities over the past week or so. We were in attendance for the Meet the Tigers event last Thursday evening in Elba when the football team unveiled a banner that had been made to be displayed at Tiger Stadium this football season in memory of Semaj and for the entire New Brockton community. We had no idea the team had done such a thing prior to the banner being unveiled, and it honestly brought tears to our eyes to know that in tragic times, folks in these parts still come together to support one another. The Elba football team even had a second banner made for New Brockton High School so it too could display the "prayers from Elba" sentiment. That is how things should be done.

We will continue to pray for the Semaj Wilkins family and the New Brockton Schools for the days, weeks and months to come.

Those Friday Night Lights will come on this week for many area high school football teams. All the anticipation and build up leading into the new season will finally be here. The football players, cheerleaders, and band members have worked long and hard to have a good season. Let's all show them we appreciate their efforts by showing up and cheering loud for them all! However, let's all remember...it is just a game! So, be kind to your opponent and just have fun.

Elba High School will celebrate Homecoming early this football season, and we are a part of the "honored 30-year class" this year. That is the Elba High School Class of 1994! We have been talking alot recently with fellow classmates as we plan and prepare for our 30th high school reunion. In many of the talks, the ongoing joke has been, "When and how did we get here?!!!" It wasn't all that long ago that we would enjoy the Elba Homecoming Parades and smile at the "old folks float" when that trailer would make its way around the parade route carrying the Honored EHS 30 Year Class. All of a sudden those folks riding that float did not look so old anymore...and, now we are asking ourself how we suddenly got old enough to be riding that honored float. There must have been a calculation mistake somewhere! Jokes aside...we are looking forward to celebrating this milestone with our classmates. We were "Out the Door in '94" but are ready to "Ride Some More in '24!"

Ghost Writer

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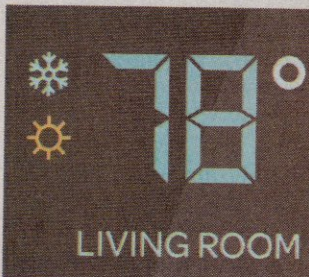
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This program provides a curriculum wherein students are actively engaged in learning through career-oriented activities. The Coffee County School System offers career and technical education programs at Kinston School, New Brockton High School, and Zion Chapel School.

These programs are designed to prepare youth for a broad range of employment and further education and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers.

The following career clusters and programs are offered in the Coffee County Schools' Career and Technical Education curriculum: Agriscience, Marketing, Human Services,

Cooperative Education, Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, Business Management and Administration, Dual Enrollment Program (in partnership with Lurleen B. Wallace Community College and Enterprise State Community College).

Students interested in career and technical education programs should contact their high school counselor. For general information about these programs, contact:

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All career and technical education programs follow the system's policies of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and

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The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies:

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**Coffee County Young Farmer Participates in State Excellence In Agriculture Contests...** Coffee County Young Farmer Calen Monroe, right, competed in contests during the Alabama Farm & Land Conference in Montgomery Aug. 3. Monroe competed in the Excellence in Agriculture contest, where participants showcase agriculture's role in their lives and present solutions to major industry hurdles. She is pictured with Alabama Farmers Federation President Jimmy Parnell.



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- Tip: Take notes during your discussions and have the funeral home provide written copies of any price lists or contracts.

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## Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

### FRANK JACOB CLARK SR.

Mr. Frank Jacob Clark Sr., age 100, of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, at his home in Enterprise, Ala.



Funeral services will be held from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024, at 2 p.m. with Dr. Ben Bowden officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 1-2 p.m.

Frank was preceded in death by his beloved wife - Cupidean T. Clark, sisters - Minnie Alice Cox, Betty Sue Green and Sara Nell Hayes, and brothers - Henry, Ed and Fred Clark.

Survivors include his sons: Frank J Clark Jr., Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., Steven T. and Marian Clark, Birmingham, Ala.; granddaughters: Megan Ruth (Justin) Karolevitz, Braham, Minn., Christa Ann (Alex) Bell, Lake Charles, La.; great-grandson: Thomas Bell, Lake Charles, La.; great-granddaughters: Elizabeth Ann Bell, Lake Charles, La., Kaléa Karolevitz and Adéa Karolevitz, both of Braham, Minn.

### GERALD L. JOHNSON

Mr. Gerald L. Johnson, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held at this time. Hayes Funeral Home & Cremations of Elba is serving the Johnson family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry L. and Alma Brice Johnson. Survivors include his wife:

Sandra Nelson Johnson, Elba; son: Gerald L. Johnson Jr., Sugarland, Texas; daughters: Teresa Battles, Rome, Ga., Teresa Peltery, Troy, Ala.; sister: JoAnn Shaw, Rome, Ga.; along with three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



**The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 conducted its regular business meeting Monday, Aug. 19, and passed Brother Thomas Patrick McBride to a Fellow Craft.** Everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship and work in the process. A good time was had by all 35 in attendance, and a special thanks to visiting brothers who came and helped out. Those pictured include: (bottom row) Dale Stewart, Drexell Richards, Matt Brunson Sr., Jerome Blackmon, Eddie Kelley, S/W Steve Dewberry, Thomas Patrick McBride, W/M Mike Amison, Bride Harrison, J/W Tim Marler, Seth Hanchey, Larry Shaw, and Mike Marler; (middle row) Ronald Arceman, Daniel Stephens, Matt Brunson Jr., Joe Kather, Johnny Ray Davis, Ray Kyle, Cameron Heffernan, Mike Murphy, Billy Colewell, Johnny Davis, Steven Sharpe, Alan Crenshaw, and Shawn Sawyer; and (top row) Jeffery Skeen, Charles Heib, Tommy Morrow, Paul Adams, Justin Prescott, Ethan Dodd, and Harry Young. Picture taken by Brother Troy Gideon III and not pictured was PM Wendell Black.

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# CHURCH NEWS



**PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS...**All across Coffee County, Christians gathered on school campuses Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18, for pray for the new school year. Those in attendance for the annual Prayer Walk at Schools, hosted by the Coffee County Baptist Association's Women on Missions group, prayed for safety and protection over the schools, students, teachers, and administrators. At Elba City Schools, approximately 100 people (see photo above) walked the halls of the elementary and high praying for the Lord's blessing this 2024-2025 school year.

## Homecoming set for Sunday, Aug. 25, at New Haven Baptist Church

New Haven Baptist Church, located at 4446 County Rd. 418, Elba, will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 25, with special services.

At 10 a.m., special music will be provided by The Byrd Family. Larry Doster will be the guest speaker during the 11 a.m. worship hour. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall at 12 noon.

All are welcome and invited to attend.

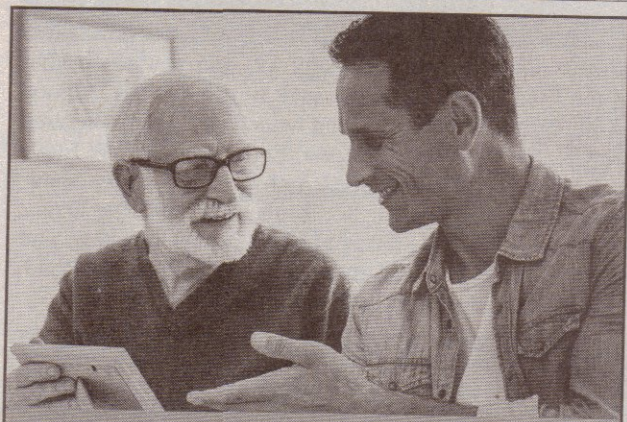
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## What does the Bible say about... Sacrificial Love?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are my friends if you do whatever I command you" (John 15:12-14).

In Romans 5:6 the Bible tells us "Christ died for the ungodly," and then states, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him (Romans 5:8-9).

God sent Jesus to this earth as our perfect example of sacrificial love, as well as in every area of our lives. All should desire to come to Him in the obedience of faith, repentance, confession, and baptism, and to try to be like Him as best we can. If we are to follow Jesus (Matthew 16:14), having His mind, and walking as He walked, then we must imitate His sacrificial love.

This love will cause us to prefer others instead of self as Paul wrote at Romans

12:10, "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another." We must consider others as more worthy than ourselves, and we must not be jealous when others are honored and we are neglected. Our duty to others is summed up in the sweet word of "love."

Sacrificial love will cause us to esteem others better than ourselves. Paul says, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself" (Philippians 2:3).

This love will cause us to seek the welfare of others. We must be more concerned about the interests of others than our own. The Bible states, "Let no one seek his own, but each one the others well-being" (1 Corinthians 10:24). We must not do anything to hurt our neighbor, but promote our neighbor's welfare. We certainly must act in such a way to help others, and not hinder them in their salvation.

The Christian is to live a loving and caring life of worship and service. If you are not a Christian, please obey God while you still have the opportunity (2 Corinthians 6:2), because tomorrow may be too late (James 4:13-17).

## ROUND AND ABOUT w/ ERIA'S DAUGHTER 334-282-2200



Scripture: Psalm 84: 1-12

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Alice Musgrove, Shirley Coleman, Christina Woods, Larry Rogers, Dwight Belcher, Isaiah Franklin Jr., Teachers, Government Officials, Doctors

### August Birthdays / Anniversary

Rosemary Edwards 8/20  
Chasity Williams Hargrett Marcus Tillis 8/23  
Tame Quest Jones 8/25  
Rev. Fred and Annie Flowers 8/25 W.A.  
Alan J. Belcher 8/26  
Lauren Rogers 8/28  
Lydia Bennett 8/29  
Tony Ordon 8/29  
Andy Hardwick 8/29  
Clisbe Thomas 8/30  
Lance Cross 8/30  
Joyce Jones 8/31

### We Don't Know Our Own Strength

When a person shakes our hand and squeezes too hard, or hugs us and embrace too tightly, we sometimes say, "He doesn't know his own strength!" In some cases there is more truth to that statement than meets the eye. We read of individuals coming to the aid of a loved one who is pinned under the wreckage of an automobile accident. Suddenly they find themselves able to lift something they could not ordinarily lift. The crisis gave them a "rush" of adrenaline that provided a strength far beyond their ordinary ability. Something similar to this may be said with regard to our spiritual strength. Because that strength comes from God and not from us, it is far greater than we realize. Many people have found themselves able to endure a period of suffering that they would never have thought they could endure. Many have found victory over tempta-

tions they had thought too strong for them.

"A mighty fortress is our God," "Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing." Regardless of the situation we face, even if we have never faced it before, God's strength will never prove inadequate. For every Christian it can truly be said, "He doesn't know his own strength" - because the Christian's strength is God's. - R.C.S.

### Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 8/22/24

Q: Whom did Phillip ask, "Understandest thou what thou readest?"

A: The Ethiopian Eunuch [Acts 8: 27,30]

Q: Who said, why tempt ye God to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples?

A: Peter [Acts 15: 7, 10]

Q: In a vision, Paul saw a man from \_\_\_\_\_?

A: Macedonia [Acts 16:9]

Q: Who is described as a seller of purple from Thyatira?

A: Lydia [Acts 16:14]

### Questions for the Week of 8/29/24

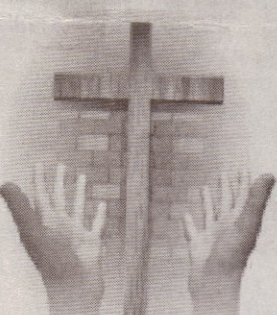
Q: What did Eli tell Samuel to say to the Lord?

Q: What was the name of the stone that Samuel set up the commemorate Israel's victory over the Philistines?

Q: Who told the people that Saul had hid himself among the stuff?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



# Church Directory



IN HIM WAS  
LIFE AND  
THE LIFE  
WAS THE  
LIGHT OF  
MEN

**ABOUNDING GRACE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rocky Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE  
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**  
Richard Thorn, Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Will Jordan, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**  
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Greg Cotter, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Remonia Smith, Pastor  
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE  
CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**COVENANT COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**  
Paul Jackson, Pastor  
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal... 5:30 p.m.  
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**EAON BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD  
OF PROPHECY**  
H.L. Buckner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.  
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE  
TABERNACLE**  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Billy Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Kit Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**EVANGELIST TEMPLE  
CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Phillip Adecock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON**  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST**  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS  
CHURCH**  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE  
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH**  
Overseers - Billy Berry  
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP**  
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD**  
Shirley Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY TEMPLE COGIC**  
Glenwood, AL  
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

**INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**INO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Danny Branch, Pastor  
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT  
CHURCH**  
Heath Fountain, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LIVING WORD CHURCH**  
Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF  
CHRIST**  
Greg Hanchey, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LOVE'S WAY CHURCH**  
Charles Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
J.R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Olan Strickland, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD**  
Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors  
Sunday School... 9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Time... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit  
NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.**  
Linda Williams, Pastor  
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM  
CHURCH OF GOD IN  
CHRIST - ENTERPRISE**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Hubert McWaters, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Terry Godwin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randall Pearson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS COGIC**  
James Starks Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Allen Dieas, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD CHURCH**  
Brad Sasser, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.



**NEW HOPE BAPT  
CHURCH**  
Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA  
CHURCH OF GOD IN  
CHRIST**  
Loreal Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OAK GROVE BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Julian Mitchell, Pastor  
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Lee Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF  
GOD**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY  
OF GOD - SAMSON**  
Terry McCrummen, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 a.m.  
Wed. Worship... 7:00

**PRAISE & GLORY  
WORSHIP CENTER**  
Roy L. Turner, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.  
CHURCH**  
A. R. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Kerry Saxon, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME**  
James Boots, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Leon Fortune, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**  
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Noon Worship... 12 noon  
Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.  
Wed Bible Class... 5:00 p.m.  
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS  
CHURCH, Elba**  
Max Reed, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

**TRINITY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
James Preachers, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

**VANDERBILT HOLINESS  
CHURCH**  
Donald Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

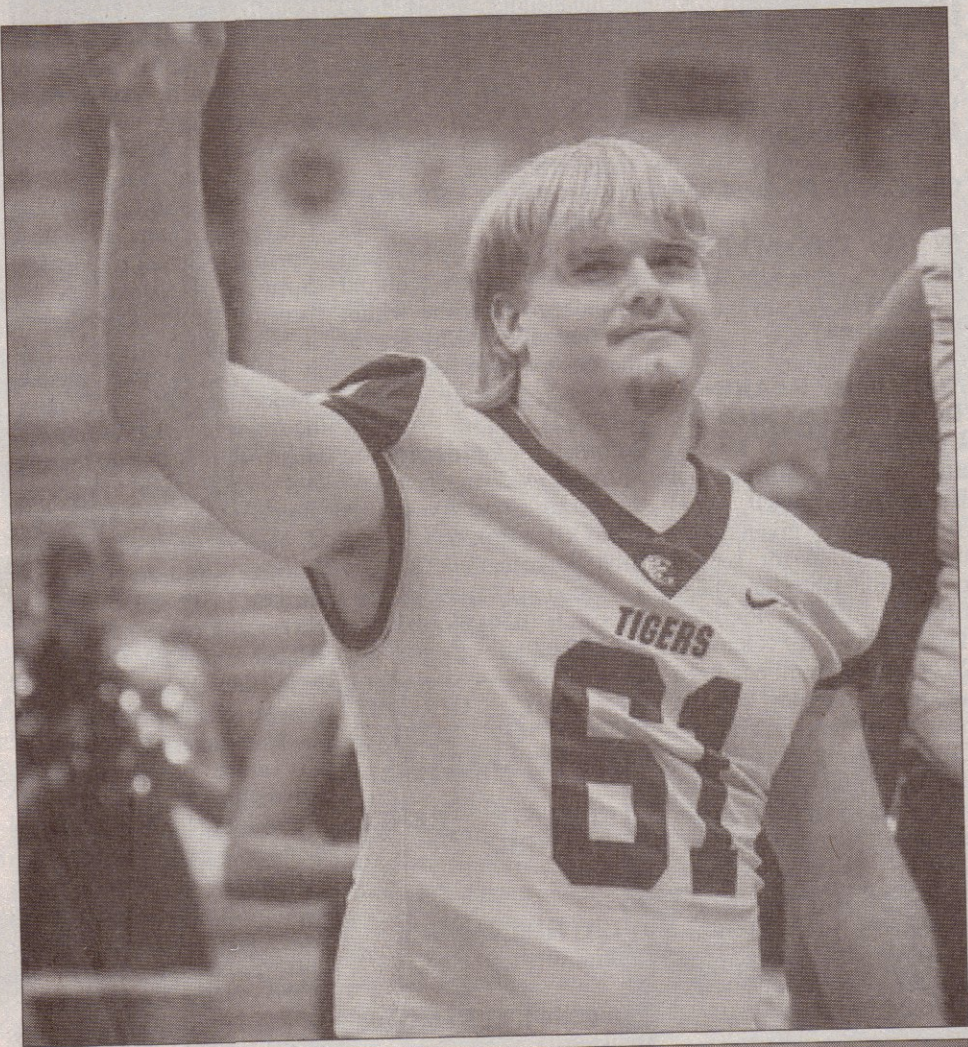
**VICTORIA BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.  
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

**VICTORY TABERNACLE**  
Ruby Lawson, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**WESTSIDE BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Ken Wilson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.<



# Scenes from Elba's Meet the Tigers



Please join us to celebrate

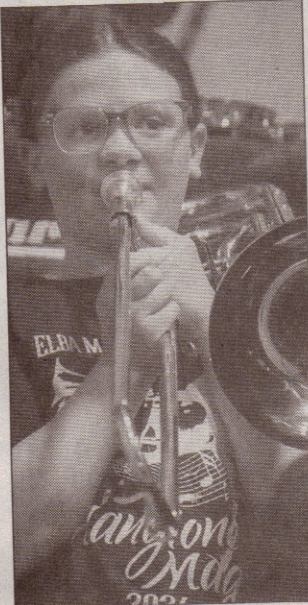
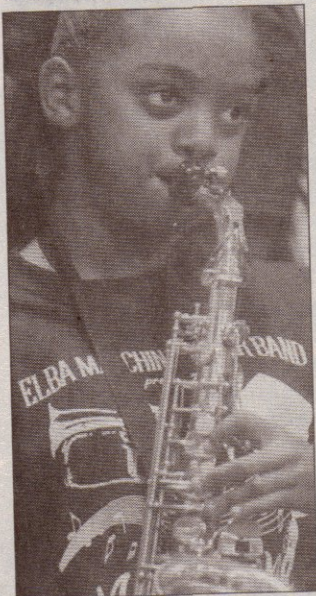
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Notice is given that the Elba City Council will meet in public session and conduct a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on September 9, 2024 in the Council Chambers in the Elba City Hall, located at 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36323, for the purpose of considering proposed changes to the City Council's voting district boundaries. A copy of the proposed ordinance and voting district map is available for public review through September 9, 2024, at the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours. Notice is further given that anyone interested in being heard on this matter may do so by attending and speaking at the scheduled public hearing or by giving written comments addressed to the City of Elba, RE: Redistricting, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323. Written comments must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024.

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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO.: PC-2024-035

### IN RE: THE MATTER OF RANDOLPH CALDWELL, Respondent.

**NOTICE OF HEARING To: TUNISHA THIGPEN, LORRAINE DIAZ, and other children of Randolph Caldwell**

You are hereby given notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship has been filed by Eloisa Regidor. The 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. has been appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
8/15,22&29-chg

### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: The estate of SHIRLEY RILEY WOODHAM, Deceased.**

Case No.: 24-792

### NOTICE OF HEARING TO OPEN ESTATE

Clayton M. Woodham, Thomas Wooham, Evan Babcock and John Babcock, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Wesley Earl Woodham, Petitioner to be named as Personal Representative for the Estate of Shirley Riley Woodham, based upon the petition for probate of will and other relief filed by said Petitioner by the 28th day of August, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., or, thereafter, Letters of Testamentary will be granted to Wesley Earl Woodham.

Done this 23rd day of July, 2024.  
/s/ Toby L. Seay  
Toby Seay, Judge of Probate  
/s/ Preston Register  
Preston Register (REG 001)  
Attorney for Estate  
256 Honeysuckle Rd, Suite 15  
Dothan, Alabama 36305  
(334) 678-0100  
8/1,8,15&22-chg.

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

**SEAN LUIS VALDEZ TOLENTINO, PLAINTIFF, VS. NHU VO MINH HUYNH, DEFENDANT.**

CASE NO: DR-2024-900015.00

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: NHU VO MINH HUYNH.

You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Annulment has been filed in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, (Elba Division) against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (30) days of the last publication, which will be the 22nd day of August 2024, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you. This the 25th day of July 2024.  
/s/ Amy Reeves / S Harrison  
Amy Reeves, Circuit Clerk  
Coffee County, Alabama  
8/1,8,15&22-chg.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CARLOWEN RICHTER, Deceased.**  
CASE NO.: PC 2024-036

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted on July 30, 2024, to Georgia Richter and Jonathan Richter, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carl Owen Richter,

deceased, who departed this life on or about the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of Probate.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Griffin Shirley, Esq. (SHI032)  
Attorney for Petitioners  
Shirley Law Firm  
431 North Court Avenue  
Post Office Box 408  
Elba, Alabama 36323  
Telephone (334) 897-5775  
Facsimile (334) 897-2304  
8/8,15&22-pd.

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

**STEPHENIE RENE HERNANDEZ**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**JULIO HERNANDEZ**  
Defendant.

Domestic Relations  
Division  
Civil Action #  
DR-2024-900122  
Judge JWK

### NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Julio Hernandez, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Stephenie Renee Hernandez's Complaint by September 6, 2024 or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No. DR-2024-900122, in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Dated this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

/s/ Amy L. Reeves  
Circuit Clerk  
Coffee County, Alabama  
Brogden Law Firm, LLC  
Robert H. Brogden, Esq.  
Attorney at Law  
164 East College Street  
Ozark, Alabama 36360  
334-774-5171  
Attorney for Stephenie Renee Hernandez  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD WAYNE HAYWOOD, Deceased.**

CASE NO.: PC 2024-039

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Tim Sullivant, as Administrator of the Estate of Richard Wayne Haywood, deceased, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
8/8,15&22-pd.

### STATE OF ALABAMA GENEVA COUNTY

### LEGAL NOTICE OF PERMANENT CHANGE OF VOTING PLACE OF PRECINCT NUMBER 11, BOX NUMBER 1

This is legal notice that the Geneva County Commission has permanently changed the voting place of Precinct Number 11, Box Number 1, beginning with the 2024 Statewide gen-

eral election to be held on November 5, 2024, from the Joy Life Center, 177 East Baxley Street, Coffee Springs, Alabama 36318, to the Coffee Springs Senior Citizens Center, 195 East Spring Street, Coffee Springs, Alabama 36318, because the Joy Life Center is privately owned and it sold to another private owner, and Geneva County does not have a lease agreement with the new owner. All voters in Precinct Number 11, Box Number 1, shall vote at the Coffee Springs Senior Citizens Center, 195 East Spring Street, Coffee Springs, Alabama 36318, beginning with the 2024 Statewide general election to be held on November 5, 2024. At all future elections after November 5, 2024, voters in Precinct Number 11, Box Number 1, shall continue to vote at the Coffee Springs Senior Citizens Center, 195 East Spring Street, Coffee Springs, Alabama 36318. DONE AND DATED this the 8th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Toby L. Seay  
**TOBY L. SEAY**  
Geneva County Probate Judge  
8/8,15,22&29-chg.

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

CA No. CV-2024-900056

**Cottonwood, LLC**  
Plaintiff,

Vs.

**A 0.89± acre** parcel of land being a part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ Section 24, T1N, R19E, Geneva County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the North Line of the above said SW ¼ of the SW ¼ with the west right of way line of Alabama Highway 153, said point being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the North Line of the above said SW ¼ of the SW ¼ with the west right of way line of Alabama Highway 153, said point being an existing iron rod: Thence S 28°49'15"W 180.68' along the West line of said Highway 153 to a set iron pipe: Thence N 89°25'17"W 210.00' to a set iron pipe: Thence N 28°48'38"E 201.00' to a set iron pipe on the North Line of the above said SW ¼ of SW ¼: Thence S 89°25'17"E 210.00' along said North line to the Point of Beginning.

Defendant.

### NOTICE OF ACTION

**DANA EARL MITCHEM** and any and all unknown parties who may have an interest in the above property and whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Cottonwood, LLC's Petition to Quiet Title and other relief by Sept. 16, 2024, or, thereafter, a judgment and default may be rendered against them in Case Number 34-CV-2024-900056 of the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama. DONE the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

/s/ Ashley A Powell  
Clerk of Circuit Court of Geneva County

Al Danner  
Attorney for Cottonwood, LLC  
PO Box 33  
Geneva, AL 36340  
(334) 684-9816

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## Public Notice

The Elba City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

at Elba City Hall  
200 Buford Street Elba, AL

**To Consider A Change in Zoning From B-2 Commercial to R-4 Residential**

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# LEGAL NOTICES (con't from Page 6)

## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE THE ESTATE OF Hobson Eugene Walden Sr.**  
**Alleged non compos mentis**  
**CASE NO.: PR-2024-129**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION APPOINTING TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP TO RICHARD LEE WALDEN** whose address is unknown. You will hereby take notice, that on this day, Hobson Eugene Walden, Jr., filed with this Court his Petition For Temporary Guardianship and Conservatorship of the above name person, Hobson Eugene Walden, Sr.

You are notified to be and appear before me, at my office in the Courthouse of said County and State at 9:00 a.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, when the petition will be considered, and show, if anything you have to allege, why the petitioner should not be granted Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship of said, Hobson Eugene Walden, Sr. Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
8/8,15&22-chg.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

**In the Matter of the Estate of VIRGINIA H. TYSON, Deceased.**  
**Case No.: PR-2024-140**

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration for the Estate of Virginia H. Tyson having been granted to Earlie Johnson, Jr., Personal Representative, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.  
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson,  
Probate Judge  
8/8,15&22-pd.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNETTE SIMS, deceased.**  
**CASE NO. PR 2024-142**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters of Administration having been granted to Larry Tidwell as Administrator of the Estate of Annette Sims, deceased, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
8/8,15&22-pd.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Jimmy C. Tomberlin, Deceased.**  
**CASE NO.: PR-2024-138**

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Jimmy C. Tomberlin, deceased, having been granted to Beverly Hurley Hill, Personal Representative, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be

barred.  
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama  
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney  
300 E. Lee Street  
Enterprise, AL 36330  
(334) 393-5146  
8/8,15&22-pd.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIE CHANCEY, Deceased.**  
**CASE NO. PR 2024-137**

**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Dianne Evans, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marie Chancey, deceased, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
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## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: BONNIE RUTH JACKSON, DECEASED.**  
**CASE NO.: PR-2024-136**

## NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Bonnie Ruth Jackson, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

/s/ Alexander Montgomery Jackson  
Alexander Montgomery Jackson  
Personal Representative  
8/8,15&22-pd.

## In the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama

**In Re: the Matter of Betty Hendrickson**  
**Case No. 2024-772**

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

To: Daniel Thomas Hendrickson, who is hereby given notice that a Petition for Guardianship has been filed regarding Betty Hendrickson, in the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, and this hearing is set for the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 2024, at 10:00 A.M. Done this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2024.

/s/ Toby L. Seay  
Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge

Attorney for Geneva County Department of Human Resources  
Alfred J. Danner  
P.O. Box 33  
Geneva, Alabama 36340  
8/8,15&22-chg.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: The Estate of JIMMY WAYNE ANDERSON, Deceased.**  
**Case No. 24-796**

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATRIX THE STATE OF ALABAMA GENEVA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Jimmy Wayne Anderson, Deceased.

Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted to Margaret Marie Somerford, Administratrix, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva

County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done and dated this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024.  
/s/ Toby L. Seay  
Toby L. Seay,  
Judge of Probate.

Attorney for Estate:  
David W. Rousseau, Esq.  
Post Office Box 10  
801 W. Main Suite 4  
Hartford, AL 36344  
(334) 588-3333  
(334) 588-0046 (fax)  
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## STATE OF ALABAMA, GENEVA COUNTY.

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made under the terms and conditions of that certain mortgage dated the 28th day of November, 2022, executed by **Luis Alberto Alvarez Flores to William Nathan Mathis**, a married man, which said mortgage is recorded in OR Book 1176, Page 398, recorded November 28th, 2022, and said default continuing, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage to be due and payable as provided in said mortgage, and notice is hereby given, that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama, during the legal sale hours on the 3rd day of September, 2024, the following described real estate, situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit:

One lot or parcel of land in Geneva County, Alabama as surveyed by The Boundary Hunter, LLC as per plat dated October 19, 2022 and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576 marking the Northwest corner of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N85°37'29"E for a distance of 678.08 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence S00°36'50"E for a distance of 543.30 feet to an iron pin set (1/2" rebar, cap #CA 1143) on the Northwest Right of Way (R/W) line of Bethesda Church Road (not paved); thence along said R/W line, along a curve to the riving having a radius of 4975.00 feet and an arc length of 193.43 feet with a chord bearing and distance of S61°19'39"W, 193.42 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence continue along said R/W line S62°26'29"W for a distance of 579.31 feet to an existing ½" rebar, cap #28576; thence leaving said R/W line, N00°13'29"E for a distance of 852.52 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said land is located in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 25 East and contains 10.91 acres, more or less.

Said property will be sold "AS IS." Said property will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. No representation or warranty, expressed or implied, is made as to the title of said property. Said property is subject to any title deficiencies including but not limited to: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of recorded superior to the Mortgage first set above. The debt secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Mortgage. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and

by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Alabama law gives some persons who have interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

The proceeds of the sale will be applied, first to the expenses of advertising and conducting said sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee, for legal services as provided in such mortgage; second, to the payment of any debt other than the note above described which may then be due or owing to the Mortgagee, with interest to the date of sale; third, to the payment of the above described note with the interest thereon to the date of sale; forth, the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the Mortgagor.

/s/ Alfred J. Danner  
Alfred J. Danner, Attorney for Mortgagee  
P.O. Box 33  
Geneva, AL 36340  
8/8,15&22-chg.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ALBERT JOSEPH BUCHINSKY, JR., DECEASED.**  
**CASE NO. 8597**

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, Albert Joseph Buchinsky, Jr., having been granted to Charles W. Fleming, Jr., on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Probate Judge of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Charles W. Fleming, Jr. (FLE005)  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Post Office Box 758  
Geneva, Alabama 36340  
8/15,22&29-pd.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**State of Alabama County of Coffee**  
**Probate Court Case No.: PR-2024-139**

## In the Matter of the Estate of Willie Lee Sanders, deceased.

Letters of Administration on the estate of said decedent having been granted to Ed Parish, Jr. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly sworn to, in the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law or else will be forever barred.

Ed Parish, Jr.  
Administrator/Personal Representative of the Estate of Willie Lee Sanders, deceased

The Parish Law Firm  
323 Adams Avenue (36104)  
Post Office Box 52  
Montgomery, AL 36101-0052  
(334) 263-0003  
(334) 263-0032 Fax  
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## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

**IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID TAYLOR YOUNG, DECEASED**  
**CAUSE NO. PR-2024-094**

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO OPEN INTESTATE ESTATE

You will please take notice that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2024, a certain instrument in writing, titled Petition to Open Intestate Estate was filed by Marcia Young, the surviving spouse of David Taylor Young and that the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. was appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse,

Enterprise Division, Alabama at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

**Done, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.**

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge  
8/15,22&29-pd.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Mortgagors, Maurice P. Pujol, Jr. and Brenda J. Pujol executed on or about the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2013; said mortgage recorded in **OR Book 835, Page 466-472**, all in in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama; and the Collateral Assignment of Membership Interest, dated December, 2008; the undersigned as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage; will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Geneva County, Alabama, on **Monday, August 26, 2024 during legal hours**, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit:

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## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: The Estate of RUTH SCHNELLER, Deceased.**  
**Case No. 24-800**

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Tammy Roberts Dowling, as Executor of the Estate of Ruth Schneller, who departed from this life on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred. Tammy Roberts Dowling, Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruth Schneller

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## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY ALABAMA

**IN THE MATTER OF GERALD RICHARD SORRELLS, DECEASED.**  
**CASE NO.: 24-765**

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Joni Antionette Lynn, Personal Representative, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

**Joni Antoinette Lynn**  
**Personal Representative**  
8/22,29,&9/5-pd.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM LEX LAWRENCE, DECEASED**  
**DOCKET NO. 24-773**

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BRENDA HAMAMURA TO PROBATE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM LEX LAWRENCE, DECEASED

To: David Lawrence, Brenda Lawrence, Mason Oakes, Any and All Other Heirs of William Lex Lawrence

Please take notice that a Petition by Brenda Hamamura for the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of William Lex Lawrence, deceased, having been filed in the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that given that a hearing has been set for the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the Geneva County Probate Court located at 200 N. Commerce Street, Geneva, Alabama 36340. All persons having interest in this matter must appear at said time and place if not otherwise notified.

Attorney for Petitioner:  
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*The Mularz clan headed to the beach* over the weekend to help celebrate our grandson Cannon’s second birthday, and this time even his ‘ole granddaddy got in the pool and spent some leisure time in the lazy river. It was the last free weekend for a couple of months, but it was a good way to close out the summer.

For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *To suggest Elba Tiger football fans are spoiled* is an understatement! The Tigers have posted 17 straight winning seasons, since their last state title back in 2015 have posted a combined record of 74-21, and over the last three seasons have rolled to an amazing 34-4 record. About the only thing fans can be heard buzzing about is the fact that despite the success the Tigers have gone eight years since adding another state championship trophy to their crowded trophy case. If we are to believe all the so-called sports experts, this may be the season the Tigers quiet even their most spoiled fans and bring home a big blue map. Easier said than done; however, since the recent success on the football field has also out a gigantic target on the team’s back and there is never any doubt the team will get the best every opponent has to offer. I know Elba has enough talent this season to win a state title, but along with talent it takes a little luck to get it done, and if the ball bounces the right way it could be a season to remember for all the right reasons. We as fans are all excited and can’t wait to cheer for the Tigers, and we all hope they play their best, stay safe and win ‘em all. Go Tigers!!

\*\*\* *The high school football season will kick off* for three of the area teams this week and all the fans at all the schools have high hopes that a banner season is on the way. Over at New Brockton, the Gamecocks have struggled the last two years and this season will have to fight not only a schedule filled with challenges, but a schedule filled with 4A opponents. While there is no doubt the Gamecocks will be much improved and maybe even pull off a surprise or two, it will take time for the team to catch up with the school’s recent growth spurt and be a contender in the 4A ranks. Down at Kinston, the Bulldogs are sky high expecting a big season, and after a big win back in the spring over a 3A foe there is cause for the excitement. The Bulldogs are very well coached and play as hard as any team in the state, but will need a little luck to make the post-season party due to sheer numbers and the fact the region is once again loaded with some of the top 2A teams to be found. Up at Zion Chapel, the Rebels have been slowly building the foundation for a winning program and despite heavy losses on the roster last season should be much improved. The Rebels have a schedule that includes a trio of opponents that are simply not very good in football, and if the Rebs can stay focused in those games and work hard to improve week in and week out, the schedule could very well be extended come playoff time.

\*\*\* *Most coaches will never admit* they have any idea what their career record is, even if they know. Here in Alabama we are lucky to have some of the nest high school coaches in the nation, and heading into this season the winningest coach in the state is Terry Curtis with 355 wins, followed closely by Danny Horn and Paul Benefield with 351, apiece. While his teams in three states have posted a total of 148 wins, Opp’s Ed Rigby is nearing the ‘100-Win’ milestone in Alabama as he will enter the 2024 campaign with 95 victories, with the wins coming at Elba, Eufaula, Pike Road and Luverne. Other names you may recognize that are big winners along the sidelines are Andalusia’s Trent Taylor (277), W. S. Neal’s Hugh Fountain (266) and Calera’s Scott Rials (185).

Sticking with high school football, there are a number of streaks that teams will carry into the 2024 season, including most consecutive wins (Leroy – 20), most consecutive losses (Columbia – 81), most consecutive region wins (Montgomery Catholic – 34), most consecutive region losses (Barbour County – 65) and most consecutive winning seasons (Gordo – 31). Every game adds a new page to the record book, and it’s fun to try and keep pace to try to know all there is to know about the game.

\*\*\**I am not much an NBA fan* and didn’t know many of the players that dressed out on the USA Olympic team. However, I did recognize Labron James and have to admit that he carried the team to the gold medal. I know Seth Curry hit a bunch of three-pointers in the final two wins and was amazing to watch, but James showed up every time the team hit the court and more than once put the team on his shoulders and willed them to a win. James doesn’t get as much praise as he did in years past, but the 39-year-old superstar is without a doubt one of the best ever and I

was proud he was wearing the red, white and blue in Paris! \*\*\* *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* had to be talked out of retiring after a banner season of prep picks a year ago and only agreed to come back for more punishment after being assured that area fans truly needed something to look forward to, and disagree with, every week during the season. Our local gridiron guesspert is one of only a few left across the state, and while fans will never agree with all his picks, at least the picks do give them something to talk about. Here we go again....

ELBA VS. LUVERNE

The Pea River felines will make the short trip up to the so-called ‘Friendliest City in the South’ Friday night to renew an old and heated rivalry with a litter of kitties that love to wear red and hate to lose at home. If the felines have been reading the headlines all summer about winning a state title and believe all they have to do to win is just show up this one could be a rude awaking. In a four-quarter battle....

ELBA 28 LUVERNE 26

KINSTON VS. ZION CHAPEL

The bulldogs from down near the county line will visit Fort Jack this weekend to renew a cross-county rivalry with a regiment of troops that have to be looking forward to giving the ‘Dogs a grand tour. The troops no doubt have a trap set just outside the fort and think a big win is on the way in the opening battle of the year. However, this one

may be a lot closer than any think.  
ZION CHAPEL 22 KINSTON 20

NEW BROCKTON VS. PIKE LIBERAL ARTS

The flock of game birds that hang out near the four-lane will make the short flight to T-Town Friday night when they open the season against an army of patriots that have their weapons stationed on top of a hill overlooking the entrance to the battle ground. If the roosters can make it up the hill they have a chance, and something tells me they have more than just a chance.

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Tigers kick off season at Luverne

The Elba Tigers will kick off their season on Friday night when they renew their rivalry against the Luverne Tigers, after a six-year absence on the schedule.

Elba owns a 42-31-1 series edge, but lost its last meeting 20-4 in 2017 and over the last 17 years has struggled to a 4-13 record, dating back to 1996.

“We have always tried to schedule quality non-region opponents,” said Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving, “and that is certainly the case with Luverne. Luverne has been a power in the 2A ranks since the days of Hall-of-Fame coach Glenn Daniel, and in recent years has shown no signs of slowing down. Elba and Luverne played each other every year for decades in the past and it was good to get it back on the schedule.”

Coach Sieving, in his fifth season at Elba, has led the Tigers to a 40-8 record, four straight playoff appearances, and is ranked number one in the state in Class 1A in preseason polls after a 13-1 record a year ago. The Tigers are an amazing 34-4 the last three seasons and have averaged over forty points a game. This year’s edition of the Tigers is expected to be led by flour all-state returnees in Alvin Henderson, Cayden Adkins, Jacob Watkins and Emanuel Cooks. Henderson, an Auburn commit, set a number of state rushing records a year ago from his running back position, while Adkins, a Georgia State commit, is considered one of the state’s top defenders at linebacker; Watkins is a ferocious hitter at linebacker; and, Cooks is a massive 6-4, 285-pound lineman.

“We have some quality players back from last year’s squad and they are all hungry to win a state title,” added Sieving, “but they know success comes one week at a time and they are focused on the opener against Luverne. We have worked hard and expect to play well. However, you never really know what you’ve got until you take the field against an opponent, and Luverne will be as good as any team on our schedule. We really don’t know what to expect from Luverne after its coaching change, but Coach Hudson had been with Coach Rigby for a long time and you have to believe it will resemble what they have done together for so long. We know they will be big and strong up front, and blessed with quality athletes all over the field. This will be a challenge for us in all aspects, and we will have to be ready to play to bring home a win.”

“We are going to do what we do, and that is run the football and try to dominate at the line of scrimmage,” said Sieving. “We have been successful the last four years running the football and we aren’t to change what brought us success. Alvin will get his carries from a couple of different places in the backfield and Cayden will carry his share of the load at quarterback. With Alvin’s speed and Cayden’s power it should combine for a solid 1-2 punch. Jacob Watkins is also more than capable of being a game-breaker, and we may try and put the ball in the air a little more to loosen up folks that load up the line of scrimmage. That being said, if we are going to be successful we have to be able to run the football,



ELBA TIGER COACH MARC SIEVING will lead his team into Luverne this week for the 2024 season opener. It will mark Sieving’s fifth year the helm at Elba High.

and that is what we will do first and foremost.”

Former Elba High grad Bobby Hudson is in his first season as the head coach at Luverne after one season as an assistant under Ed Rigby, and even though Hudson will be the team’s third head coach in the last three years, there is no expectation of any let down for the Tigers from Crenshaw County.

Luverne has posted a winning record 15 of the last 16 seasons, and has advanced to the state playoffs a record 41 straight years. Last season, Luverne posted a 7-4 record after a 6-0 start, with losses to 2A powers Highland Home, Goshen, Reeltown and Cottonwood. “Luverne is a very

dangerous football team on both offense and defense,” stated Sieving, “and we all know it will be a four-quarter battle. On offense we need to move the chains, maintain drives through dominance on the ground and out points on the scoreboard when we get inside the red zone. Over on defense, we will have to try to take way the big play and not let Luverne just line up and drive the ball down our throats. It will be physical and hard-played, and we will learn a lot about our team. Despite the fact the game is on the road and Luverne is as good as anybody on our schedule, we are looking forward to the challenge because to be the best you have to beat the best.”

Area teams ready for 2024 season openers

The high school football season will kick off Friday night with three area teams taking the field, including the renewal of a cross-county rivalry between the Zion Chapel Rebels and the Kinston Bulldogs, and a first-ever meeting between the New Brockton Gamecocks and Pike Liberal Arts Patriots.

Kinston at Zion Chapel

The gridiron rivalry between the Kinston Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Rebels will be renewed

this week after a two-year absence when the 1A Bulldogs head to Greene Memorial Stadium to butt heads with the 2A Rebels.

Zion Chapel owns a 25-22 series edge over their rivals, but Kinston has won three of the last five meetings and last season posted a 20-12 win.

Kinston is coached by Rudy Free, in his sixth season with the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs have posted only two winning seasons in the past ten years, posted

a 2-8 record last season and over the past two seasons have managed to post a record of 6-14.

Zion Chapel is coached by Cody Keene, Jr., in his third season as the commander of the Rebels. The Rebels have posted an 8-12 record over the past two seasons, including a 5-5 record a year ago, and included among the five wins were the first-ever win over Geneva County and the second straight win over Abbeville.

New Brockton at Pike Liberal Arts

The New Brockton Gamecocks will kick off the season on the road when they travel to Troy for a first-ever gridiron contest against the Pike Liberal Arts Patriots.

New Brockton is coached by Jason Barnett, in his second season with the Gamecocks. The

Gamecocks posted a 3-7 record last year after going winless the season before and have stumbled to five straight losing seasons.

Pike Liberal Arts is coached by former New Brockton grad and assistant coach William Moguel, in his second year at the helm. A first year member of the AHSAA in football, the Patriots have struggled to back-to-back 3-7 records as an independent, but have won four state championships as a past member of the AISA.

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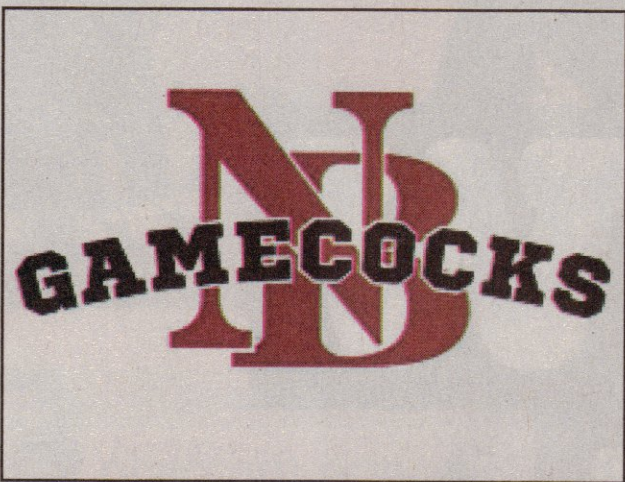
Gamecocks to continue rebuilding process

New Brockton head football coach Jason Barnett calls it a work in progress whenever someone mentions the Gamecock football program, and while Gamecock fans are excited about the new season after winning three games a year ago and snapping a 14-game losing streak, the second-year New Brockton coach can't hide his optimism about the return to the gridiron.

"People say we laid the foundation for the program last season," said Barnett in a published interview in The Dothan Eagle, "but I say we are still laying the foundation and are not close to having things fixed. You don't go 0-15 and say it is fixed. We put some bricks down last season and this year it is time for us to pour the cement."

New Brockton closed Barnett's first season with a 3-7 record, but did find its way back into the win column after an 0-10 campaign the season before, and snapped a 14-game losing streak that humbled the once proud program.

"All we have done is change the work ethic and the way we did things," added Barnett. "When is did testing prior to last season we only had six players that could lift over 600 pounds in the bench press/squat and power clean combined, and today



we have fifty."

Helping to create a new winning attitude is the fact seven starters are back on both offense and defense, which has fans excited about the team's chances to post an above .500 record for the first time since 2018 and a state playoff berth for the first time since 2019.

The Gamecocks appear loaded on offense with the return of quarterback Dawson Peacock (5-10, 160) and receivers Baylon Foster (5-9, 170) and Anthony Silar (6-2, 180). Peacock completed 18 straight passes in last year's win over Northside Methodist, and for the season completed 81 of 135 passes for 1,372 yards and 15 touchdowns. Foster pulled in 37 catches for 719 yards and 10 td's a year ago, while Silar had 27 catches for three scores.

"Dawson had never really played quarterback

until last year," said Barnett, "but we stuck with him and he was fine once he came into his own. Baylon is our guy. We spread him out into space and try to find him, and Anthony is out wide guy that tries to blow people off the top."

Four offensive linemen are also back to anchor the front wall, led by Caden Sherer (6-0, 220), Robert Boutwell (5-9, 270), Mike Brown (6-1, 280) and Noah Moore (6-1, 210), with Bryant Thomas and Mark Register both expected to play major roles in the line.

While the Gamecocks have no experience returning in the offensive backfield, Camryn Wolf and Blake Cox are expected to get the majority of the carries, with Cox also expected to get time at tight-end.

Defensively, New Brockton are again blessed with experience and are

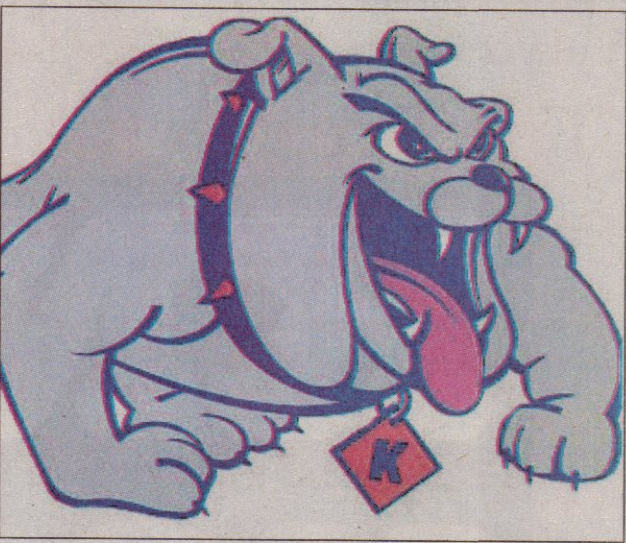
looking for the defense to spread the tackles around.

Bryant Crumpler (5-10, 180) and Bradyn Crumpler (6-0, 190) are both back at linebacker and defensive line, with Bryant being among the team leaders in tackles a year ago with 122 stops. Jarred Pettit (5-9, 206) will also be back in the defensive line, and will be joined by Leo Reyes and Elijah Boykin to make the line a strength for the Gamecocks on the defensive side. Kaiden Sims, Gabriel Dean and Baylon Foster are expected to see action at linebacker, while the secondary returns three starters in Micah Murphy (5-9, 135), Gavin Hand (5-9, 145) and Anthony Silar, and are expected to be joined by James Downing and Alex Pait.

Cayden Avalos will handle the place kicking chores for the Gamecocks, with Davis Soto helping on kickoffs, and Baylon Foster handling the punting.

2024 Football Schedule

Aug. 23 at, Pike Liberal Arts  
Aug. 30 at, Slocomb  
Sept. 6 Opp  
Sept. 13 at, Daleville  
Sept. 20 Dale County  
Sept. 27 at, Monroe County  
Oct. 4 at, Geneva  
Oct. 11 Ashford  
Oct. 18 at, Straughn  
Oct. 25 Pike County



Bulldogs expecting a return to winning ways

The Kinston Bulldogs compete in what many call the toughest Class 1A region in the state and face one of the state's most challenging schedules this season with four of their first five games on the road. However, the Bulldogs are reported to have weapons on offense, veterans across the fronts and a couple of linebackers that have been through the wars, which has pumped new life into the players and fans.

One of the most prominent weapons in Kinston's arsenal is senior Colby Tew (6-1, 205), who last season excelled at both running back and outside linebacker, and is expected to be a leader on both sides of the ball.

"Colby has played a long time," said Kinston head coach Rudy Free in an interview with The Dothan Eagle. "This will be his third year starting and he has grown and gotten stronger. He should be one of our main guys on both sides of the ball. He had almost 1,500 yards rushing last year, and with him getting bigger and stronger we are expecting a lot out of him this season."

While Tew may be the main weapon in the arsenal, senior quarterback Brant McCollough (6-1, 185) is also being looked upon to provide plenty of fireworks.

"Last year was his first as a starting quarterback and he went through some growing pains and struggled at times," added Free, in his sixth season with the Bulldogs. "Brant is one of the fastest kid we have on the team and has gained weight, which will make him a stronger runner. Him and Colby need to be our two guys that touch the ball. Colby needs 20 carries and game and Brant needs about 15. We are working on our passing game with a lot of play-action stuff, and some things that I think he can do to utilize his passing game - maybe not a drop back passing game,

but a sprint out passing game."

The Bulldogs return four starters along the offensive line in Drew Branch (5-10, 225), Marcus Free (5-10, 210), Jacob Hughes (5-9, 190) and Carter Hughes (5-9, 215), while tight-end Whitt Floyd (6-0, 195) is also back as a starter.

"It is good to have what we call the strong side of our offensive line back," said Free. "They have been playing a lot of ball the last two years. You start with Whitt Floyd, who has gotten a lot bigger, and go down the line and Drew Branch is probably the biggest lineman we've got. One spot we are really looking for on the line is our quick tackle spot, and Isaiah Carnley and Caleb Watson are two guys that can hopefully come in and take that spot."

Michael Maschek will be a junior wingback for the Bulldogs, with Judd Green and Gabriel Hataway expected to handle the receiving slots.

Over on defense, Free and Floyd are being looked upon to be team leaders from their positions at inside linebacker.

"Whitt and Marcus, my two inside linebackers, are guys who have to take charge and get everybody lined up, make calls and stuff like that," added Free. "Whitt, a three-year starter, is really the vocal guy and is like a quarterback on defense."

McCollough will handle the punting duties, while Free is the placekicker and Judd Green the snapper.

Coach Free reported that the Bulldogs are a little stronger number-wise than in years past with 25 varsity players.

2024 Football Schedule  
Aug. 23 at, Zion Chapel  
Aug. 30 at, Geneva County  
Sept. 6 Red Level  
Sept. 13 at, Elba  
Sept. 20 at, Georgiana  
Sept. 27 Samson  
Oct. 4 Florala  
Oct. 11 at, McKenzie  
Oct. 18 Pleasant Home  
Oct. 25 at, Brantley

Rebels looking for return to grid playoffs

The Zion Chapel Rebels hope to continue their recent trek toward a winning season this year under the guidance of second-year head coach Cody Keene, Jr, who last season led the Rebels to five wins, the most since 2019.

Coach Keene believes the team's work ethic has been the key to the team's recent improvement and in an interview with The Dothan Eagle stated, "I think we have done that in the weight room. That will always be our main focus - the things we can control such as our effort, our attitude, our toughness level and our strength."

"A lot of times you will have twenty percent at the top trying to bring sixty percent along and the twenty percent at the bottom trying to pull them down. I feel like we only have a couple of kids that aren't in all the way, and they know who they are and have to get in and join with the others kids that have bought in to the weight room and have had a great off-season."

Leading the way on offense this season on offense is expected to be junior quarterback John Foster Hamm (5-9, 180), who is making a move from running back. Other keys to success on the offensive side will come from senior wide-receivers Kavan Brown (5-10, 145) and Joseph LeGear (5-10, 155), as LeGear was the team's leading receiver last season with 24 catches for 473 yards and Brown pulled in eight catches for 150 yards and three touchdowns.

"John Foster is a rising junior and last year we went to him whenever Mason Stuart would get dinged up," added Keene. "He is a kid I believe in. He is high effort, high energy and super consistent That is what you need in a quarterback."

Tight-end Weston Watson (5-11, 205) is back and last season caught five passes for 87 yards and one td, while Jeremiah Stinson (5-7, 165) will be back at running back, and should have plenty of company from teammates Brayden Benbow, Joe Bradley and Bobby Rhodes.

"It will be running back by committee," said Keene. "They all do different things and do different things well. We will adjust our play calls to whoever is in the game."

Two linemen return in Gage Wambles (5-9, 235) and Peyton Davis (6-3, 260), with a number of players battling for starting spots alongside the two veterans.

"I expect our defense to be better this year, added Keene. "I will be disappointed if our defense isn't 'Raising Cain' every Friday night and reading newspaper clippings on Saturday."

Last season, the Rebels defense allowed 23.9 points per game, the third best since 1996 and the best since 2011.

Zion Chapel returns six starters on the defensive side, led by honorable mention all-state linebacker Brayden Benbow (5-11, 180), with three of the returnees being seniors and three



being juniors.

"He has good instincts and plays really hard," said Keene, of his standout linebacker. "The main thing that makes him so productive is he plays so hard. There are things he has to continue to improve on, but he sees the ball well and just plays really hard."

Connor Lee (6-0, 180) will return at outside linebacker, while Wambles and Jackson Dowdy (6-0, 180) will be back in the defensive line, where last season Dowdy made 83 tackles, with 13 tackles for losses. LeGear

and Hamm will return in the secondary, where the duo combined for seven interceptions last season. Hamm is also the Rebels kicker and punter.

2024 Football Schedule

Aug. 23 Kinston  
Aug. 30 at, Ellwood Christian  
Sept. 6 Goshen  
Sept. 13 at, Highland Home  
Sept. 20 Luverne  
Sept. 27 Open Date  
Oct. 4 at, Pike Liberal Arts  
Oct. 11 Baker, FL.  
Oct. 18 at, Calhoun  
Oct. 25 Barbour County  
Nov. 1 at, Pleasant Home

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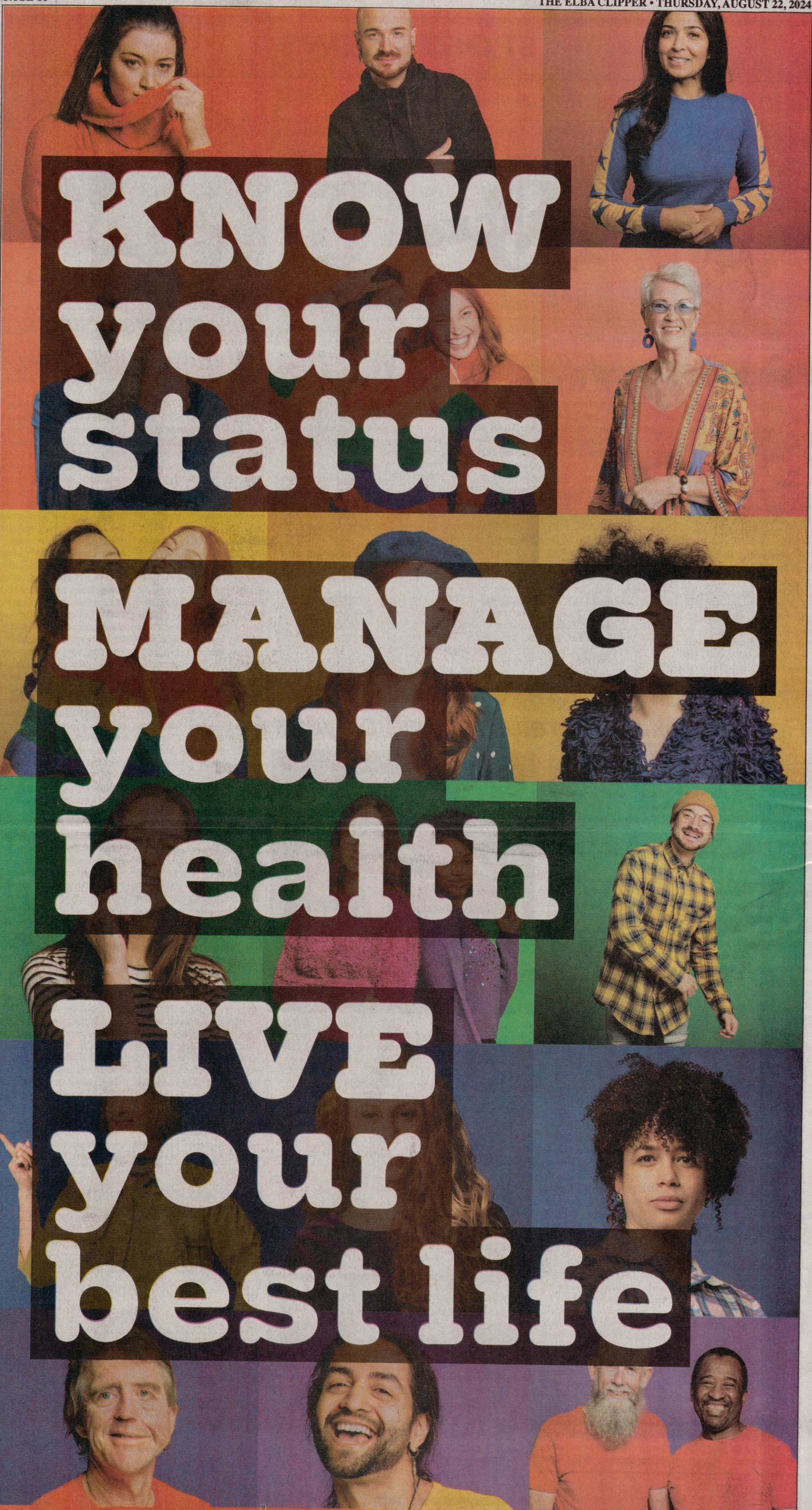
**AREA VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, Aug. 22**  
Zion Chapel at Elba (JR-JV-V)  
Kinston at Florala (JR-JV-V)

**Saturday, Aug. 24**  
Amelia Rhoades Tournament, Kinston  
Purple Cat Tournament, Ariton

**Tuesday, Aug. 27**  
Elba at Red Level (JR-JV-V)  
Kinston at Goshen (JR-JV-V)  
Zion Chapel at New Brockton (JR-JV-V)  
Brantley at Highland Home (JV-V)





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